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London police say 292 charges were laid in 2013 compared to 195 laid in 2012 — numbers they expect will increase in 2014 **PAGE 3**

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A police officer near evidence markers at the scene of the Viscount Road stabbing. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

London sees third stabbing of the new year

Viscount Road. Two incidents after the first two days of 2014



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A woman is in hospital in serious condition after she was stabbed in a third-floor apartment unit at 760 Viscount Rd. just before 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

A man suspected of the stabbing was also taken to hospital after he either jumped or fell from one of the unit's windows.

He was listed as stable.

Police haven't divulged the identity of the victim or the suspect, but the case is believed to be a domestic incident.

No charges have been laid against the man as of 3 p.m. and police spokesman Const. Ken Steeves said no weapon had yet been seized.

The area below the window was taped off and investigators dotted the snow with red evidence markers. Among the debris inside the tape was a wool mitten, broken tree limbs and a crumpled bicycle.

There appeared to be a bloody handprint on the window above.

A young man clutching his chest and appearing to be in pain said he was in the unit when the stabbing occurred and that he was injured while trying to stop the man.

He spoke briefly before giving his statement to police, and said the suspect had tried to stab him as well.

"I got hurt trying to hold him before the police got

who may have seen or heard anything to call them at 519-661-5670 or to contact Crime Stoppers.

The stabbing is the third in less than 24 hours after a 23-year-old man was charged in connection to a New Year's Day stabbing in the area of Richmond and King streets.

Catlin Ireland, of no fixed address, is accused of two counts of aggravated assault and one count of possessing a weapon while prohibited.

Quoted

"I got hurt trying to hold him before the police got here. He was in the (apartment) when I got there."

Young man clutching his chest and appearing to be in pain, who spoke briefly before giving his statement to police

here," he said. "He was in the (apartment) when I got there."

He said the victim is a friend of his parents.

Others who live in the building said they heard nothing out of the ordinary, but one man said the area has become rife with booze and drugs and that police are often at one of two neighbouring complexes.

Police are asking anyone

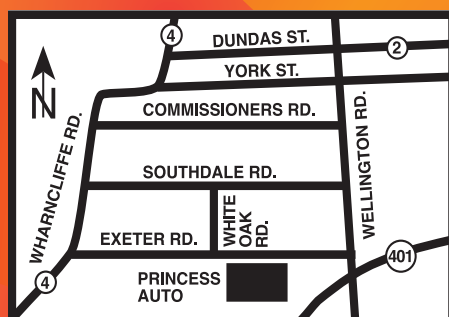
A 32-year-old woman and a 46-year-old man both sustained non-life-threatening injuries in the incident, which was witnessed by police officers at about 6:35 p.m.

Police say the four people involved are known to each other. A woman who was arrested was released without being charged.

Ireland was scheduled to appear in court Thursday morning.

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Police numbers show cybercrime on the rise

Manpower. London cops have been helping battle child-porn related online crime, but Chief Brad Duncan says there will always be a backlog



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London Police laid more cybercrime charges relating to child porn in 2013 than in 2012, and

those numbers are expected to rise next year, said police spokesman Const. Ken Steeves.

Through Nov. 30, 292 charges were laid against 42 suspects. There were only 195 charges in 2012.

Police Chief Brad Duncan has said recently that he could add officers to the cybercrime unit, have them work around the clock and there would still be a backlog.

Recent cases include collaborations with U.S. Homeland Security in which suspects were arrested and children believed to have been sexually

abused were liberated south of the border.

London police also participated in an international child porn investigation that saw 341 people arrested and 386 children rescued. The scope of that investigation included police from around the world.

"Each arrest is a success in the combat of crimes involving the online abuse against children," said Steeves.

"In 2013, we not only arrested 42 people within our city, but we were able to reach out to authorities in the United States, where a total of three

Fraud

Frauds also spiked in 2013, with 162 more charges through Nov. 30 than all of 2012.

- Police issued multiple alerts later in the year concerning counterfeit \$20 and \$100

bills circulating in the city.

- Each bill was considered a fraud, but didn't diminish the number of traditional ploys: faulty repairs, phoney lotteries and online cons.

victims were identified and rescued from their abusive environment.

"Cybercrime is not only something that happens in one city or province. It occurs

worldwide. We could double our complement within our cybercrime unit and still not be able to notice a decrease in Internet crimes against children."



Stomp cast is getting ready to sweep you off your feet at Budweiser Gardens

The percussionists of Stomp are about to explode into Budweiser Gardens. The show, which has toured the world to entertain crowds with rhythms played on brooms, garbage bags, radiator hoses and, yes, the kitchen sink, comes to London on Jan. 11 and 12. Andres Fernandez, who's been part of the cast for 16 years, told Metro the show is full of improv and has something different every time. JOAN MARCUS

London pitches in. City workers help Toronto recover from ice storm

City workers from London added to the recovery efforts in frozen Toronto.

The City of London sent staff and equipment to help the city after the devastating ice storm that left thousands without power.

Five staff, a supervisor and two crews of

two people each were dispatched after a request from Toronto.

The crews used two London bucket/box trucks and chippers and a pickup truck to remove tree hazards in the hard-hit northeast Toronto area.

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Get in the spirit

Fifth annual spirituality expo coming to town

A spirituality expo will be held in London next weekend.

The fifth annual event of its kind will be at the Church of St-Jude, at Adelaide Street and Fanshawe Park Road from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 12.

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New Year's Baby. London welcomes Serena as city's first newborn of 2014

The first baby of the year to be born in London arrived within three hours of the start of 2014.

Serena, born at 2:50 a.m. and weighing five pounds, nine ounces, is the daughter of Lanette and Roland Kym of Waterloo.

"We are very excited on the birth of our beautiful baby girl,

Serena," said proud first-time dad Roland. "We are also very thankful for the wonderful care we received at London Health Sciences Centre."

Shoppers Drug Mart, Children's Health Foundation and London Health Sciences all donated gifts to little Serena.

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Candidates for city council get set for Oct. 27 election

Ready to race. First day of registrations sees 10 candidates come forward



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City hall's doors opened to council candidates Thursday, and there was a lineup to register.

It was the first day people could file papers for the Oct. 27 election, and 10 presented themselves at the city clerk's office.

And eight of the 10 candidates were there to challenge incumbents and force a change in municipal politics.

As the office opened at 8:30 a.m., licensing and elections manager Sarah Corman already had four people there.

First was Denise Brown, councillor for Ward 11, whose papers were registered at 8:31 a.m. Close behind was Ward 4 Coun. Stephen Orser, at 8:36 a.m.

By 8:39 a.m., Ward 14 — currently held by Sandy White — had a challenger in Steven Hillier, with Stephen Turner filing papers to contest Brown's Ward 11 at 8:55 a.m.

As the day went on, brothers A. Eric Haidar and Jesse Haidar registered for Wards 9 and 12 respectively — challenging councillors Dale Henderson and Harold Usher — followed by Randy Warden (Ward 5, currently Joni Baechler), Virginia Ridley (Ward 10, Paul Van Meerbergen) and Greg Munro, for Ward 6, where Nancy Branscombe has said she will

Cost of candidacy

- People standing to become councillors had to pay a fee of \$100. Mayoral candidates pay \$200.
- If they win two per cent of the vote, they will get the money back.

step down.

"It's time for real people who are really representing what the community is wanting, to run for city council," said Ridley, a mother of two and an administrative assistant.

"I think London deserves better than what we have right now," said Jesse Haidar about the present council. "We need to attract employment into the city of London."

The other candidate was the first runner in the race for mayor. Dennis Perry, 30, who works in a gas station and has no political experience, said he wants to have more focused job-creation policies.

"The city needs some balance right now," said Perry. "A lot of people are saying that we either have trees or we have jobs. I say that you've got to balance it all out."

He said city spending must "get a good deal" instead of spending "haphazardly" on economic development.

Two floors down in his office, Mayor Joe Fontana told Metro he doesn't intend to file papers until May or June. Fontana said he wants to continue to work hard as mayor and leave the political campaigning until later in the year.



And they're off — Sarah Corman, licensing and elections manager, with the first paperwork filed by municipal candidates. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Time to recycle your Christmas tree

Sick of that Christmas tree? The city has a range of ways to get rid of it for you.

And the plea from city staff is to keep it green, even when it's turned brown.

Six special drop-off depots have been set up across London for Christmas tree recycling.

Until Friday, Jan. 10, Londoners can drop off their tree at these six depots:

South — Amway (Exeter Road by White Oak Road, west end of parking lot.)

South — Mitches Park (Upper Queens Avenue parking lot.)

Central — St. Julien Works Yard (south end of St. Julien Street.)

East — Stronach Park (Beckworth Avenue parking lot.)

West — Springbank Park (west entrance parking lot by Boler Road.)

North — Adelaide Works Yard (Adelaide Street North at Kipps Lane.)

Masonville Place, near Nash

Jewelers, is no longer a depot.

Christmas trees and holiday greenery can also be taken to a community EnviroDepot or held until the first green week in the spring.

Trees may also be placed out at the curb with regular garbage, but will not be composted when collected with garbage.

The city is also asking people to remember to remove all decorations, including tinsel and garlands.

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Toronto

Hefty price tag for ice-storm cleanup

Toronto officials say it will cost more than \$75 million and take up to eight weeks to clean up the thousands of tree limbs that fell during the ice storm that hit the city. Toronto City Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong says about \$25 million will be spent on cleanup and another \$50 million on tree damage. **METRO**

New agreement

King's separates from church

King's University College has branched out on its own following an agreement with the Catholic Church.

It's now a separate entity apart from the Diocese of London, which was its parent body since it was set up in 1954.

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Dance Steps Studio

Ballet school auditions in London

Canada's National Ballet is to hold auditions in London on Monday at Dance Steps Studio.

The minimum age to audition is 10, and no prior ballet training is required for students aged 12 and under. Visit nbs-enb.ca for full details. **METRO**

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Infrastructure report

Roads and more:
City looks into
state of its assets

The city has pointed to a new report showing its infrastructure is in "fair" to "good" condition.

The 2013 State of Infrastructure Report is to be presented at the city's corporate services committee next week.

London has about \$11 billion worth of core infrastructure, including sewers, roads and parks.

But there's a problem. The coming budget process, and the new council to be elected this year, must find a way to plug the infrastructure funding gap.

Currently at \$52.1 million, it represents the difference between the budget to maintain infrastructure and the actual cost of work that needs to be done.

City staff have estimated the gap could grow to \$466.1 million by 2022 if nothing is done.

So plans are underway. The city said Thursday it will publish a document to "provide a broad base for developing solutions to address the infrastructure concerns." That's due early this year, a statement said.

As for that infrastructure report, it won't be available until Jan. 14. It will be published on the city website London.ca.

Much of the infrastructure may be fair to good, but seven per cent of assets are in "very poor" condition, the city statement adds, meaning they must be replaced.

MIKE DONACHIE/METRO



Kids follow a snow shovel on the public skating rink outside Covent Garden Market on Thursday. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Our big chill: Cold alert issued for London region

Bundle up, cover up.
Pets also affected by frigid temperatures, Humane Society warns



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The Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) has issued the first cold-weather alert of the year for London and Middlesex County.

With the wind chill, the

outside air was close to -30 C Thursday and Friday in London.

The alert will remain in effect until Saturday, when temperatures are expected to rise to -3 C.

"The temperatures we're expecting over the next couple of days will be cold enough to cause damage to exposed skin and could lead to hypothermia. It's very important for people to bundle up and dress for the conditions if they intend to spend time outdoors," said MLHU manager of environmental

Shiver me timbers!

-30 C

London's temperature with the wind chill overnight Thursday into Friday

health Iqbal Kalsi in a release.

"While we recommend limiting the time you spend outdoors today and tomorrow, if you have to be outside dress in layers and cover exposed skin as much as possible."

The health unit has warned local agencies that

provide shelter and assistance to homeless people to prepare for an increase in demand for their services.

Meanwhile, pet owners face the same cautions when the air becomes this frigid. London Humane Society executive director Judy Foster said if it's too cold for humans, it's too cold for their pets — regardless of how much that pet may act like it wants to be outside.

"Dogs want to go with you in the car when it's hot out, too, but you don't leave them in the car because you know

they'll overheat," she said. "It's the same when it's this cold out."

The biggest risks to pets are frostbite, hypothermia and harm to paws from the cold and chemicals used to prevent humans from slipping, such as salt.

"During walks, a dog's feet, legs and belly may pick up antifreeze, or other chemicals that could be toxic," Foster said.

"When you get back inside, wipe down or wash your pet's feet, legs and belly to remove these chemicals."

Fences up for South Street demolition

The walls aren't ready to come tumbling down just yet, but fences are in the midst of being installed for the eventual demolition of South Street Hospital in SoHo.

There's still the matter of a community open house Jan. 8 for residents in the area to talk with LHSC and city officials, but soon after the building will begin to come down "piece by piece," as SoHo Community Association president Tanya Park described it.

Place in their hearts

"People have a lot of sentiment for the hospital." SoHo Community Association president Tanya Park

She said a few people have expressed minor concerns about the coming influx of equipment.

"I know that some people are concerned with the amount of trucks coming in and out, although there are only two homes

Let's talk

A Community open house to discuss the demolition of the building will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Holdsworth Auditorium located at 373 Hill St.

that will be directly affected by noise and I haven't heard too many things from them," she said.

The work will occur throughout much of this

year.

Most of what was inside the structure has been removed.

In some cases, it is now being used elsewhere.

"They've dismantled it piece by piece and they've taken a lot of the stuff to Habitat for Humanity, which is nice to see because people have a lot of sentiment for the hospital. Knowing that pieces of it are elsewhere in the city is encouraging," Park said.

SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO



Part of the South Street Hospital complex shivers in the winter weather Thursday. The site is set to be cleared as the area is regenerated.

MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

After train fires, U.S. officials issue alert about Bakken oil

Flammability. Crude shipped from Bakken oil patch is potentially more volatile than the traditional variety

Following a string of explosive accidents, federal officials said Thursday that crude oil being shipped by rail from the Northern Plains across the U.S. and Canada may be

more flammable than traditional forms of oil.

A safety alert issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation warns the public, emergency responders and shippers about the potential high volatility of the crude being shipped from the Bakken oil shale patch in Montana and North Dakota.

The warning comes after the massive explosion caused by an oil train derailment on Monday near Casselton, N.D.

No one was hurt, but worries about toxic fumes prompted the evacuation of hundreds of residents.

The oil boom in the Bakken has reduced the nation's reliance on imported oil and brought thousands of jobs to the region. But as companies have increasingly relied on trains to get that oil to lucrative coastal markets, public safety in communities bisected by rail lines has become a major concern.

In July, 47 people were killed in Lac-Mégantic, Que., when a train carrying Bakken crude derailed. Another oil train derailed and exploded in Alabama in November, killing no one but releasing an estimated 749,000 gallons of oil from 26 tanker cars.

The amount of oil moved by rail has spiked since 2009, from just more than 10,000 tanker cars to a projected 400,000 cars in 2013.

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Safety alert

Thursday's safety alert was partly due to results of preliminary tests on Bakken oil to determine just how dangerous it is, said Jeannie Shiffer with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

Shiffer said it is important

to know the volatility of the oil so that it can be properly handled during shipping.

The issue of volatility is of particular importance for emergency responders who have to deal with accidents like the one in Casselton, said Fred Millar, a rail safety consultant in Virginia.

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Ford more years for Toronto's troubled yet defiant mayor?

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford officially shows his passport to a city clerk Thursday, as he registered as a candidate for the city's 2014 municipal election in October. Toronto's troubled yet defiant mayor isn't allowing months of scandal to stop him from entering what's likely to be the most watched municipal race in the city's history. Rob Ford was first in line at city hall to sign up for the Oct. 27 mayoral election when the nomination period opened Thursday. He expressed confidence that he'll win "Ford More Years" in the top job, despite admitting to using crack cocaine in a "drunken stupor" and making a crude sexual comment on live TV, among other cringe-worthy incidents that have garnered international attention and made him the butt of jokes on late-night shows. VICTOR BIRI/THE CANADIAN PRESS

J.K. Rowling

Lawyer fined for spilling author's secret identity

A lawyer who let slip J.K. Rowling's secret thriller-writer identity has been fined 1,000 pounds (\$1,645 US) for breaching client confidentiality rules.

Chris Gossage of London law firm Russells Solicitors —

which represents Rowling — told a friend of his wife that the Harry Potter creator was author of The Cuckoo's Calling, published last year under the name Robert Galbraith. The friend tweeted the information, and it was followed up by the Sunday Times.

The law firm apologized and paid damages to Rowling for the leak.

Sales of the book rocketed after Rowling was outed as its author. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Synthetic marijuana

Breaking Bad contest winner charged for drug op

Authorities say a Florida man who won a contest to watch the series finale of Breaking Bad with the cast has been charged with running a drug distribution operation.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office says Ryan Lee Carroll

sold synthetic marijuana and shipped it across the U.S. from his home with two other men. He was arrested on New Year's Eve.

Authorities seized more than \$1 million US in synthetic marijuana during a bust.

According to deputies, the suspects used a cement mixer to create the drugs. The drugs were shipped through the U.S. Postal Service.

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H1N1. Young parents embracing flu shot: Poll

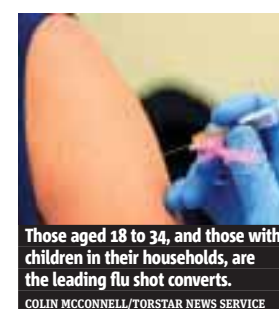
Increasing numbers of adults in their child-rearing years are becoming convinced that getting a flu shot for themselves and their children is a good idea, a new poll suggests.

The Harris/Decima poll, done for The Canadian Press, found that those aged 18 to 34 and those with children in their households were the two demographics that had the highest rates of flu-shot converts than any other.

"What appears to be occurring is that over the years younger Canadians and parents are particularly becoming more convinced that they will do it (get a flu shot) in the coming year if they haven't done it very often in the past five," said Doug Anderson, senior vice-president for public affairs for the polling firm.

With this year's flu season shaping up to be an H1N1 year, that's a good thing.

Newly released data from researchers at the British Colum-



Those aged 18 to 34, and those with children in their households, are the leading flu shot converts.

COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

bia Centre for Disease Control suggests children under five are the most vulnerable segment of the population when it comes to this family of flu viruses.

Less than 20 per cent of children under age five have antibodies to H1N1 viruses. That's not really a surprise; they would have been born after the 2009 pandemic that brought the H1N1 virus into the mix of flu viruses that circulate during the Northern Hemisphere winter.

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Stafford slaying. Rafferty turned down for legal aid for appeal of conviction

Ontario's Ministry of the Attorney General will be picking up the tab for an appeal attempt by the man convicted of killing eight-year-old Victoria Stafford.

Michael Rafferty's lawyer says he has again been turned down for funding from Legal Aid Ontario after a judge ordered last month that it reconsider Rafferty's case.

Appeal Court Justice Marc

Rosenberg had ruled the case is too complex for someone with a Grade 9 education in segregation and with no access to a law library to handle on his own.

Rafferty had been turned down four times by Legal Aid since his convictions in May 2012 for first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping in Tori's death. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chopper swoops in to rescue ice-trapped ship passengers

Safe and sound. Three icebreakers failed at reaching ship trapped in the Antarctic since Christmas Eve

All 52 passengers trapped for more than a week on an ice-bound Russian research ship in the Antarctic were rescued Thursday when a Chinese helicopter swooped in and plucked them from the ice a dozen at a time.

The dramatic international rescue operation became possible once the weather finally cleared. Blinding snow, strong winds, fog and thick sea ice forced rescuers to turn back time and again.

The twin-rotor helicopter — its red and yellow colours contrasting starkly against the ice and snow — carried the scientists and tourists from the Russian ship MV Akademik Shokalskiy to an Australian icebreaker, according

to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority's Rescue Coordination Centre, which oversaw the rescue.

At one point, the passengers linked arms and stomped out a landing site in the snow next to the Russian ship for the helicopter, which is based on a Chinese icebreaker.

The eagerly anticipated rescue came after days of failed attempts to reach the vessel, which was trapped since Christmas Eve.

The passengers were instead flown to an ice floe next to the Aurora and then taken by a small boat to the Australian ship, said expedition leader Chris Turney.

The icebreaker Aurora Australis will take the passengers to the Australian island state of Tasmania, a journey expected to last two weeks.

"I think everyone is relieved and excited to be going on to the Australian icebreaker and then home," said Turney. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Passengers from a ship trapped in the Antarctic since Christmas Eve prepare to board a Chinese helicopter Thursday. ZHANG JIANSONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/XINHUA

Rwanda's ex-spymaster found dead in Johannesburg



Rwanda's former spy chief, Patrick Karegeya, seen in an undated photo in Kigali, was found dead in a Johannesburg hotel Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE**

The body of Rwanda's former spy chief was found, possibly strangled, in a hotel in South Africa, police said Thursday. Rwandan dissidents accused President Paul Kagame of ordering his assassination.

The suspicious death of Patrick Karegeya, a former Kagame ally who turned against him, follows a pattern of assassinations ordered by the Rwandan president, said Theogene Rudasingwa of the opposition coalition Rwanda National Congress. Kagame's government vehemently

denies it has targeted dissidents.

Karegeya's body was discovered in a room at Johannesburg's plush Michelangelo Towers hotel on New Year's Day, and many questions remain unanswered in a country with a high crime rate.

"He was found in the hotel room dead on the bed," said a statement from South African police spokeswoman Lt. Col. Katlego Mogale. "A towel with blood and a rope were found in the hotel room safe. There is a possibility that he

might have been strangled." She said a murder investigation has been opened in the death of the 53-year-old who reportedly fled to South Africa in 2007.

Gunmen twice tried to kill Kagame's former chief of army staff, Lt. Gen. Kayumba Nyamwasa, while he was living in exile in Johannesburg in 2010. Nyamwasa told The Associated Press in 2012 that Kagame has hunted him and other dissidents around the world, "using hired killer squads."

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Previously

Rwanda's president has also been accused in:

- The 1996 killing of former minister Seth Sendashonga in Nairobi, Kenya.
- The 1998 killing of legislator and former government intelligence chief Theoneste Lizinde, also in Nairobi.

U.S. immigration

Undocumented immigrant gets law licence

The California Supreme Court granted a law licence on Thursday to a man living in the U.S. illegally who graduated law school and passed the state bar exam.

The decision allows Sergio

Garcia to practise law despite his immigration status.

Garcia had challenged a 1996 federal law barring people living in the U.S. illegally from receiving professional licences.

He arrived in the U.S. illegally 20 years ago to pick almonds with his father and worked at a grocery store and in the fields while attending school. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NSA leaks

Newspapers call for clemency for Snowden

The New York Times and Guardian newspapers have called for clemency for Edward Snowden, saying that the espionage worker-turned-privacy advocate should be praised rather than punished.

The papers — both of which have played a role in publishing Snowden's intelligence trove — suggested late Wednesday that the former National Security Agency contractor's revelations about the United States' world-spanning espionage program were of such public importance that they outweighed any possible wrongdoing.

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Egypt's turmoil

Cairo links 'confession' to suicide bombing

Egyptian authorities produced on Thursday what they said was a confession by the son of a senior member of the Muslim Brotherhood, trying to bolster accusations that the Islamist group has

links to al-Qaida-inspired militants.

In a news conference, the interior minister aired the recording, said to be of Yahia Mongi, son of a Brotherhood lawmaker, in which he says he joined a militant group that took responsibility for a suicide bombing of a provincial security headquarters last month, as well as other attacks. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Disappearing privacy. Snapchat quiet after hacking exposes users

Snapchat, the disappearing-message service popular with young people, has been quiet following a security breach that allowed hackers to collect the usernames and phone numbers of millions of its users.

Spokeswoman Mary Ritti said Thursday the company is assessing the situation.

As Americans rang in the new year, hackers reportedly published 4.6 million usernames and phone numbers on a website which has been suspended. The breach came less than a week after security experts alerted Snapchat of a

\$3 billion offer

The incident bruises the image of a young company that reportedly turned down a buyout offer from Facebook.

vulnerability in its system and warned that an attack could take place. In response to the warning, Snapchat said in a blog post that it had implemented "various safeguards" over the past year that would make it more difficult to steal large sets of phone numbers.

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Snapchat CEO Evan Spiegel. The message service has been quiet after hackers published info on millions of users. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Solution: Buy heavier safe

Thief carries 250 lb. safe out of eatery

Massachusetts police are searching for a strong-armed thief who carried a 250-pound safe out of a restaurant.

Kevin Hynes says a man walked out of his Stockholders Steakhouse in Weymouth on Sunday night lugging the vault. Surveillance tape shows the

man entering a side door, heading down the stairs and coming back up carrying a large object wrapped in a trash bag.

No arrests have been made.

Hynes isn't saying how much money was in the safe, but he's offering a \$2,500 reward for information leading to the man's arrest.

He says he's since bought an even heavier safe and bolted it to the concrete floor. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Transporter? Almost

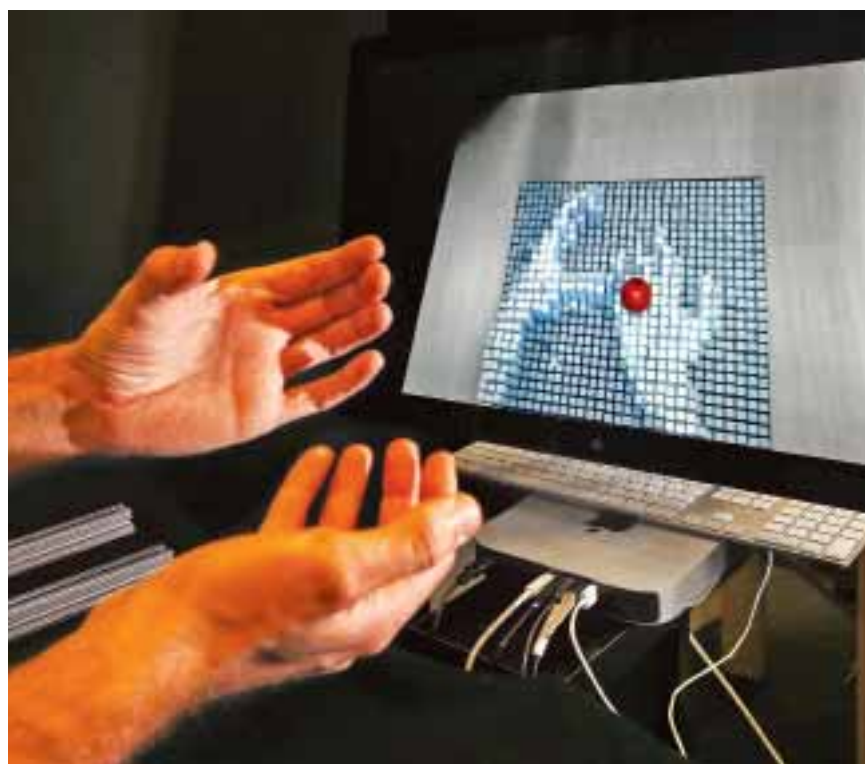
MIT. Researchers have found a new way to render 3D images of people and things in remote locations

Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have found a way to allow people in one place to interact with three-dimensional versions of people or objects in a different location.

MIT's Tangible Media Group calls the technology inFORM. A person in one location moves or puts an object in front of a depth-sensing camera. That camera sends signals to a motorized pin screen somewhere else and that's where the 3D image pops up. If someone on camera is moving his hands, for example, that movement would show up on the pin screen in another location.

They hope the technology can eventually be used by urban planners and architects. It could also be used by doctors and others who need to look at CT scans.

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MIT grad student Sean Follmer demonstrates inFORM technology on campus in Cambridge, Mass. Follmer, a researcher with MIT's Tangible Media Group, moves his hands in front of a depth-sensing camera which sends signals to a motorized pin screen in another location where a 3D image pops up to manipulate the red ball.

ELISE AMENDOLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Don't worry, be happy: Buyers of legal pot



Dylan Aragon, the first to buy recreational pot at Marisol Therapeutics.

THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Long lines and blustery winter weather greeted Colorado marijuana shoppers testing the nation's first legal recreational pot shops Wednesday.

It was hard to tell from talking to shoppers, however, that they had waited hours in snow and frigid wind.

"It's a huge deal for me," said Andre Barr, a deliveryman who drove from Michigan to be part of the legal weed experi-

ment. "This wait is nothing."

The world was watching as Colorado unveiled the modern world's first fully legal marijuana industry — no doctor's note required (as in 18 states and Washington, D.C.) and no unregulated production of the drug (as in the Netherlands). Uruguay has fully legalized pot but hasn't yet set up its system.

Colorado had 24 shops open Wednesday, most of them in

Denver, and aside from long lines and sporadic reports of shoppers cited for smoking pot in public, there were few problems. "Everything's gone pretty smoothly," said Barbara Brohl, Colorado's top marijuana regulator.

Shoppers didn't seem fazed by the wait, the prices, or the state and local taxes that totalled more than 25 per cent.

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HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU, FUTURE

Looking backward with pride and forward with hope? Probably not, but I have peered deep into my crystal ball, emerging with a clear vision of the coming year.

The good news is, 2014 will likely not be as crazy as its predecessor, but then again, if I am your go-to psychic, then you're screwed already. Here is what you can expect:

1 **is the new ____.** Orange is the new black, 45 will be the new 30, cannabis will be the new tobacco, prescription A.D.D. meds will be the new crack, and all will serve as criteria for Toronto's new mayoral candidates.

2 **Why so secretive?** Edward Snowden will gain enough public support to be exonerated for his alleged crimes, but will continue to find his friends a little stand-offish.

3 **Bad girls playing good.** Lindsay Lohan makes a comeback, generating Oscar buzz for her portrayal of a young Mother Teresa.



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4 **Baby mama once more.** Kim Kardashian will get pregnant again and give daddy Kanye West a son who shall be named Wild-Wild.

5 **Totally believable scenario.** Justin Bieber will pay German officials to retrieve his monkey, which will be trained to walk his new bulldog, pick up its poop and fling it at unattractive or overweight fans.

6 **Bad girls going God.** Miley Cyrus will make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Middle East, where she will consume the unknown fruit of a mysterious tree that will cause her to feel modesty and cover her nakedness with a fig leaf and a fragment of parchment. And army boots.

7 **X-actly what we need.** The X Factor USA judge Paulina Rubio will leave the show to judge The X Factor Mexico. She'll be replaced by Nicki Minaj for a win-win situation where Mexico gets a mentor whose insight can finally be understood, and the American version maintains the delicate balance of verbosely incoherent babbling.

8 **Bynum, by then.** Andrew Bynum, one of the NBA's most overpaid per-game players ever, will join the Miami Heat for the league minimum. Bynum's propensity for off-court shenanigans that lead to injury and his subsequent indifference will lead to his attempted strangling by team captain LeBron James during a nationally televised game. Bynum will sue for millions but will still manage to be bankrupt by 2015.

9 **Hollywood K.O.** 2013 brought the Knockout Game into public consciousness. It involves one person sucker-punching an unsuspecting victim while another films it for public consumption on YouTube. In 2014, the brutal pastime will spawn a new reality series where each week, a different Hollywood celebrity will be filmed sucker-punching Perez Hilton.

10 **Sounds about right.** Neither the Maple Leafs nor the Canadiens will earn a playoff berth in 2014. This may not be a revelation, but is more likely to come true than any of the above.

So, dear friends, remember to love like you've never been hurt and dance like no one's watching, but if you actually catch someone watching, put your clothes back on immediately. Happy new year!

ZOOM

Martians-to-be shortlist announced



COURTESY BRYAN VERSTEEG/MARS ONE

75 Canucks make list

Since he was a young boy, eagerly devouring science fiction books, Stephen Fenech has dreamed of being an astronaut.

Now, the Toronto man is a bit closer to reaching his lofty dream after learning that he is one of 75 Canadians selected as a candidate for a one-way mission to Mars.

"I'm vacillating between excitement and terror," said the 45-year-old seasoned traveller, who's visited 160 countries. "When I imagine myself not just in another country but on a

whole other planet, I would be so jazzed about being there."

The mission is being organized by Mars One, a Dutch-based not-for-profit. On Monday it announced that of about 202,500 applicants worldwide, 1,058 hopefuls had been selected as potential candidates. They will be whittled down to a group of up to 40 people, who will then train for about seven years.

An unmanned mission is slated for 2018, with Lockheed Martin in charge of building the Mars lander.

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Retirement years

"I know I'd be the guinea pig.... And I know I'm taking a chance.... But the way I see it is that my life will be winding down at that point anyway, so I might as well do something that's so fulfilling, not just to me but to our entire race."

Stephen Fenech, who figures that by the time the mission takes place he will be close to retirement, and ready for a new chapter.

\$1.5 billion a head

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The goal is for Mars One to send the first crew of four in 2024, with additional groups departing every two years. It's an ambitious — and costly — project. Getting the first group to Mars will cost \$6 billion, with every additional manned mission costing \$4 billion. To finance the endeavour, the private organization is relying on sponsors and public support. Just last month it launched a crowdfunding campaign. As well, there are ongoing negotiations with media companies for the rights to a reality-TV show that would track the training process.

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Another iOS Kickstarter success story, République arrived on the App Store to much fanfare before Christmas. A hugely ambitious episodic stealth-action adventure, wrestled down to iOS size, it puts you in the role of Hope as she is held captive in a building run by an unpleasant totalitarian government. Needless to say, her captivity is short-lived.



Controls tend to be the biggest obstacle when it comes to shoving an action game onto an iOS device, but République nimbly clears that hurdle with a simple one-touch interface. Navigating Hope through each level begins and ends with a single touch wherever you want to place her. Of course, this being a stealth game, you're equipped with a tool that allows you to view your surroundings and their patrolling enemies by hacking into security

cameras — once again with one-touch control.

The beautiful animation and convincing voice acting leaves little doubt that developer Camouflaj is hoping to force a huge evolution in touchscreen gaming, and the first instalment of République is a convincing case that they're onto something. (iOS/\$4.99)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: The Bacon Man, running for mayor in Windsor, Ont., is promising free funerals for all. What's your outlandish pledge?

@glenharnish: A free fishing rod every season and a lifetime fishing licence. #wheredolovote?

@NinjaBot42: Subways! Subways! Subways! What? Aw crap.

@Rob_Irvine_Jr: I would promise that the Maple Leafs win a Stanley Cup...

@JohnKleinRegina: free-ish funerals seems like a good idea. Making dead people pay never really seems just. #notoutlandish

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Synopsis

Out with the old and in with the new: 2013 contained many magnificent movie moments (and some bad ones as well, but let's not dwell on those) for the Reel Guys and it looks like 2014 will be just as bountiful. This week we gaze into our cinematic crystal balls and choose the films we're looking forward to in the new year.

Reel Guys

RICHARD
CROUSE AND
MARK BRESLIN



On tap for 2014: Another RoboCop reboot. CONTRIBUTED

New year, new films

Lookahead. From The Equalizer to 50 Shades of Grey, the Reel Guys make their movie picks for 2014

Richard: Mark, years ago I loved a show called The Equalizer. It starred Edward Woodward as a private detective who helped people in need "equalize the odds." It was a cool show, and as much as movie versions of programs like The A-Team and Starsky and Hutch have disappointed, I'm looking forward to this. Denzel Washington is masterful at playing ambiguous antiheroes and re-teaming him with his Train-

ing Day director Antoine Fuqua seems like a good idea to me.

Mark: Richard, I don't know the show but I do like Denzel. I do like Fuqua and I do like the concept. One movie I am looking forward to is The Monuments Men with George Clooney, Matt Damon and John Goodman as civilians pressed into battle during the Second World War to save art treasures from the Nazis. This should hit all the bases for me.

RC: Clooney is always cool, and he also directed the movie, so I'm keen to see it. I'm also very excited for The Zero Theorem. Terry Gilliam says his new film is the third part of the trilogy he began with

Brazil and continued with 12 Monkeys. If that isn't enough, it stars Christoph Waltz and Matt Damon. And did I mention it sprung from the wild mind of Terry Gilliam?

MB: Reality check: Whose last movie was the unwatchable The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus. When Gilliam stinks he stinks up the whole room. Just saying.... If it's sci-fi you're looking for, how about the RoboCop reboot, a franchise that's had more reboots than an Ugg store? Or Transcendence, which has a Philip K. Dick meets Body Snatchers sound to it. Appeals to the paranoid side of my split personality Richard...

RC: I liked Parnassus! It was

like a Salvador Dali painting come to life! Gilliam Rules! But there are other things I'm looking forward to, like Maleficent. The creepy but beautiful Sleeping Beauty villain is a role Angelina Jolie's cheekbones were born to play. If the movie is as cool looking as the clips I've seen, I'll go for the art direction alone.

MB: Sure, but I think we're both ignoring what must be the Greatest Movie of 2014 — the cinematic adaptation of the great novel Fifty Shades of Grey. C'mon, Richard, admit it, you'll be second in line to see it, only because I got there the night before... and I understand James Franco is playing the handcuffs.

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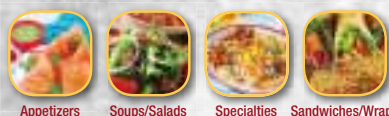
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Video game review

Name. LEGO Marvel Super Heroes

For. Wii U, PC, PS3, Xbox 360

Rated. Everyone

There's having a super-power and then there's discovering all the different things you can do with it. That's the delight impressively recreated here in LEGO for a whopping 155 characters. Each has a really long list of abilities put to creative use both for fighting in adventures and exploring a free-roaming city. Compared to past LEGO games the brick-building moments are fewer and farther between, but the sense of discovery is endless, which is ideal for a game parents can share with their kids. **KRIS ABEL**



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Metro World News in Hollywood

Remakes and sequels

Transformers: Age of Extinction (June 27)

Mark Wahlberg takes over for Shia LaBeouf as the human stand-in amidst Michael Bay's gargantuan metal extravaganza, now on its fourth installment. Fingers crossed for dinobots.

X-Men: Days of Future Past (May 23)

Bryan Singer steps back into the director's chair for the franchise he started 14 years ago, bringing together a massive cast combining actors from the original films and the most recent X-Men: First Class for a time-hopping storyline cribbed from the comics. It's almost too much to take.

Captain America: The Winter Soldier (April 4)

Chris Evans' Cap gets his first solo outing since The Avengers in a story that pits him both against a mysterious terrorist with connections to his past and his own government, in the form of S.H.I.E.L.D. boss Alexander Pierce (Robert Redford).

Godzilla (May 16)

It's been more than 15 years since Roland Emmerich's go-at-the-giant monster franchise landed with a thud, so maybe it's safe to unleash the big green guy again, this time in a film starring Bryan Cranston.

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (Jan. 17)

This Tom Clancy franchise reboot was supposed to hit theatres this Christmas, but Paramount pushed it back a month. If anything, it should keep the latest Jack Ryan, Chris Pine, busy between Star Trek outings.

More remake-quels

RoboCop, The Expendables 3, The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1, 22 Jump Street, Horrible Bosses 2, Muppets Most Wanted.

Big gambles

Noah (March 28)

Darren Aronofsky follows up Black Swan with a massive, super-expensive biblical epic starring Russell Crowe as the most famous ship-builder ever. A serious gamble for all in-



involved, especially considering all of the sinking ship jokes critics could make if it falters.

Interstellar (Nov. 7)

All we know is that it's by Christopher Nolan and it involves wormholes and space travel and it stars, among others, Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain and Michael Caine. So we're basically already there.

Guardians of the Galaxy (Aug. 1)

It's nice to see Marvel and Disney feeling free enough with their massive successes to get a little weird. This also-ran but beloved comic line features a talking, gun-toting raccoon (voiced by Bradley Cooper), an ambulatory tree and all sorts of other oddities, with the Avengers nowhere in sight. But it could just make Chris Pratt officially a movie star.

Maleficent (May 30)

While technically using an existing property, Disney is taking quite a risk by making one of their biggest baddies (embodied by Angelina Jolie) the main character of her own movie. Sleeping Beauty won't know what hit her.

Future cult favourites

Veronica Mars (March 14)

The little Kickstarter campaign that could is officially getting a big theatrical roll-out as opposed to the limited, VOD-heavy release they'd initially planned. The follow-up to Rob Thomas' cult-classic TV show about a high-school private eye (Kristen Bell) has a wave of goodwill behind it, with a growing audience base willing it to succeed.

Jupiter Ascending (July 25)

After not enough people turned out for their ambitious Cloud Atlas, the Wachowskis



The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (May 2)

Sony's holding on tight to its Marvel property, pitting current Spidey Andrew Garfield against a host of threats like Electro (Jamie Foxx), the Rhino (Paul Giamatti) and the Green Goblin. Plus, they've got a series of spin-off movies to launch.



head off-world for a science-fiction adventure starring Channing Tatum and Mila Kunis.

Knight of Cups (TBA)

Without even a solid release date nailed down, all we know about Terrence Malick's latest is that it stars Oscar-winners Christian Bale and Natalie Portman and it's about "a man, temptations, celebrity and excess." Sounds interesting.

The Grand Budapest Hotel (March 7)

Wes Anderson follows up the delightful Moonrise Kingdom with what appears to be the most Wes Anderson film of all time with a jam-packed cast including Ralph Fiennes, Tilda Swinton, Bill Murray, Edward Norton and Jude Law.

The Lego Movie (Feb. 7)

Possibly the most welcome

film adaptation of a children's toy in movie history — call it the anti-Transformers — this animated adventure looks to be pop-culture-skewering fun, with Chris Pratt, Morgan Freeman and Liam Neeson leading an all-star voice cast.

Based on a bestseller

Divergent (March 21)

The presumptive next big sci-fi film franchise based on a young-adult book series kicks off with Shailene Woodley starring as a special girl challenging a dystopian society.

Gone Girl (Oct. 3)

David Fincher takes on Gillian Flynn's bestseller about a woman who disappears on her anniversary, with Ben Affleck and Rosamund Pike heading up an eclectic cast that also includes Neil Patrick Harris and Tyler Perry.

Unbroken (Dec. 25)

Christmas next year will bring Angelina Jolie's second film as a director, again with harrowing themes. This time it's the true-life tale of an Olympic runner and Japanese Second World War prisoner of war, from a book by the author of Seabiscuit.

Inherent Vice (TBA)

There's no release date set for Paul Thomas Anderson's adaptation of Thomas Pynchon's deliriously odd-ball 1970s surfer noir, but it can't come out soon enough as far as we're concerned. An inspired director and source material pairing.

Edge of Tomorrow (June 6)

Hiroshi Sakurazaka's futuristic novel All You Need is Kill gets the big-screen treatment with Tom Cruise starring as a soldier caught in an alien war version of Groundhog Day.

The Monuments Men (Feb. 7)

George Clooney stars in and directs this story about a team of art specialists out to rescue masterpieces stolen by the Nazis. Originally slated for a Christmas release but delayed, we're hoping it's more Ocean's Eleven than The Good German.

3 songs for the weekend



SOUND CHECK
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Here are some early samples from three important albums coming up in the next month.



Holding on for Life/Broken Bells

The collaboration between Danger Mouse and James Mercer of The Shins moves to stage two with a second album entitled After the Disco on Jan. 14.

Black Me Out / Against Me

In what could be the most intensely autobiographical album ever, Against Me! returns with Transgender Dysmorphia Blues, featuring Laura Jane Grace, the reborn identity of singer Tom Gabel. It's out Jan. 21.



Big Shot/The Pack A.D

Promotion for their fourth album began in the fall and teased with a couple of tracks. Do Not Engage finally lands Jan. 28.

Long-awaited fourth season will no doubt delight Downton fans

Much more to come. Executive producer says there will be more than five and fewer than 10 seasons of the PBS show

As it returns for its much-awaited fourth season, Downton Abbey remains a saga about elegance, tradition and gentility — and the pressures of preserving them.

On the premiere, airing Sunday at 9 p.m. EST on PBS, Lady Mary Crawley has buckled under the weight of widowhood six months after her husband, Matthew, perished in a car crash. Inconsolable at the start of the episode, Mary (played by Michelle Dockery) dismisses their infant son as “a poor little orphan.”

Her father, Lord Robert Crawley (Hugh Bonneville), wrestles with business pressures: the death of Matthew and the absence of a will have thrown the Downton manor, already financially fragile,



Lady Mary Crawley is played by Michelle Dockery in Downton Abbey CONTRIBUTED

into further crisis.

Meanwhile, the modern world of 1922 bears down on the Downton hidebound. Just consider the encroachment of an electric mixer, the newest threat to the culinary status quo over which Mrs. Patmore reigns in the kitchen.

Even so, Mrs. Patmore remains squat, high-strung yet unbending under the pressures of keeping the Downton nobility well-fed.

It's no secret that Downton Abbey has dined out on startling success from almost the first moment it hit the air in

The future of your favourite pop stars

Music. We look into the crystal ball and predict where some of the big names will be in two years' time

Miley Cyrus

2014: Her Bangerz tour continues throughout the U.S. and Canada before heading to Europe. We predict she'll play it safe on these dates to ensure Wisconsin parents keep giving her money. **2015:** Tour over, Miley spends an entire year Instagramming photos of pot leaves in Jamaica, where, in the spirit of twerking, she adopts a cute little black boy and makes him dance. **2016:** Now 24, Cyrus does what all female singers do, and “matures,” lining up 20 dates in Vegas and a comeback tour.



Miley Cyrus GETTY IMAGES

Rihanna

2014: Basically the same thing as Miley. **2015:** Except Trinidad instead of Jamaica. And instead of adopting a little boy, she marries Chris Brown. **2016:** Rihanna and Chris become the next Ike and Tina, and then she finally dumps his ass.

One Direction

2014: OMG indeed: The U.K. phenoms tour Europe, sell out stadiums and break box office records. Harry Styles denies rumours about going solo, staying true to his “boys.” **2015:** Harry Styles goes solo. **2016:** The One Direction Reunion Tour hits Europe. Sales figures are “unavailable.”

Kanye and Kim

2014: Now a year old, their daughter North releases her first album, produced by Hudson Mohawke on an old TurboGrafx. **2015:** North, now two, calls her parents sell-outs and proclaims herself the Messiah. **2016:** North was right: she is the Messiah. We all die horrifically in the Rapture.

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TV. The return of Jack Bauer and The Vatican

24: Live Another Day

Last time we saw Jack Bauer, well, who knows: We stopped watching after season six. But we're still excited for the return of CTU's anti-terrorist hero/psycho, if only because maybe this time, we'll see him go to the bathroom. Kiefer Sutherland returns, but instead of 24 episodes, we get 12, and the real-time concept is ditched. (May)

True Detective

We'd watch 12 hours of Woody Harrelson and Matthew McConaughey getting high and playing the bongos, but we're also thrilled they've teamed up for a dark HBO detective drama. Pitched at a slow boil, it follows a murder mystery from 1995, re-opened in 2012. Indie director and critic's darling Cary Fukunaga (Jane Eyre) directs. (Jan. 12)

The Vatican

Unlike The Borgias, Show-



Jack Bauer is back this year. FOX

time's new drama is set in the present-day, following a Pope (Bruno Ganz, of Downfall) and various priests, including Matthew Goode from Stoker and Friday Night Lights dad Kyle Chandler as a New York cardinal. Calling the shots: God. And also Ridley Scott (Prometheus). (TBA)

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

The sky's the limit for LaBeouf's mea culpa

Shia LaBeouf may have finally managed to write an apology for plagiarism that is not, itself, plagiarized. The Beef came under fire recently when it came to light that his short film Howard Cantour.com bore similarities to Daniel Clowes's comic Justin M. Damiano. The actor has since apologized several times, but since his apologies themselves seemed cobbled together from other works, it was hard to believe he was taking his transgression seriously.

Well, now at least he's



working on it. Early this Thursday morning, Shia tweeted a pic of the words "I am sorry Daniel Clowes" in skywriting.

He didn't just photoshop that skywriting either. According to Variety, LaBeouf's contrition was visible across the L.A. sky on Wednesday. "Mr. Clowes, I can only ask that you view my apology as a stepping stone toward repairing this misunderstanding between us. I'm sorry," he tweeted on New Year's Eve. All this may or may not come as any comfort to Mr. Clowes, who lives in San Francisco, not L.A. MELINDA TAUB/METRO

Top celeb travel moments of 2013

A monster-infested lake in Scotland, a picturesque seaside town in Italy and a celebrated party island in Spain were featured on travelocity.ca's list of the top celebrity travel moments of the past year — a list compiled from the results of a national survey. Whose beach trips, brawls and destination weddings came up tops? Read on to find out. TEXT: METRO, TRAVEL PHOTOS: ISTOCK, CELEB PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES



Canadian men chose Charlie Sheen's trip to Scotland in search of the Loch Ness monster as their most memorable celebrity travel moment of the year.



Canadian men chose Leonardo DiCaprio's yacht trip to Ibiza, Spain, as the moment they would most want to recreate.



Canadian women most wished they could recreate Avril Lavigne and Chad Kroeger's trip to Portofino, Italy, where the pair exchanged vows.



Jay-Z and Beyoncé's highly publicized trip to Cuba was the number four most memorable moment of the year.



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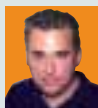
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Trends to wine about



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If Facebook is any indication, many of you are reminiscing about the last 12 months. Not me. I'm all about the future and booze trends that will define 2014.

Gazing into my crystal wine goblet, I see Old World wines solidifying their comeback. I'm talking the juice squeezed out of France, Italy and Spain easing you out of your South American rut.

That's not to say the New World won't see brighter days. Australia will show signs of rejuvenation with smaller wineries from specific regions making their personalities known.

Whites will gain ground from reds, while red blends will continue to attract the palates of the population.

Wines from a box will be invited to the dinner table, and second-tier grapes like aglianico, albariño and garnacha will be on the tip of your tongue.

The most ground-breaking trend will be flavoured wines, especially those made with, wait for it, chocolate. Chocolate Shop Red (\$15.95 - \$15.99) and ChocolatRouge Sweet Red (\$13.99 - \$17.99) have already brought their confectionary flavour flow to store shelves. I guarantee that more will follow in 2014. **PRICES REFLECT RANGE ACROSS COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



Meet the star of the 2014 foodie scene

Predictions. Experts have checked the old crystal ball and report that the veggie of the year will be — wait for it — cauliflower



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Cauliflower is the new kale, salt is the new pepper and doughnuts and burgers are going gangbusters — at least, that's what food-trend watchers are predicting for 2014.

"I would say that cauliflower is the new kale and will definitely surpass kale this year," says Christine Couvelier, executive chef and global culinary trendologist. Cauliflower can be mashed, grilled, broiled or

Ingredients

- 1 head roasted garlic
- 1 1/2 lb Yukon Gold potatoes cut into wedges, unpeeled
- 1 lb raw cauliflower, broken into pieces
- 2 cups diced onions
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp sesame oil
- 1/4 cup 2% milk
- 3/4 cup frozen shelled edamame, blanched
- pinch of salt and pepper



This Roasted Potato Cauliflower and Edamame Mash serves 8. MIKE MCCOLL, FROM THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

cut in steaks and barbecued, served on its own or in salad or tossed with herbs and oils.

Here, it's teamed with edamame to add more nutrients and flavour to regular mashed potatoes. Roasting the vegetables brings out a more intense flavour than boiling, as does the addition of sweet caramelized onions.

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Line a baking sheet with foil sprayed

with vegetable oil. Cut the top off the garlic head and wrap with foil and place on the baking sheet along with the potato and cauliflower. Spray the vegetables with vegetable oil. Roast for 30 minutes or just until tender, turning occasionally. Squeeze out the cloves of garlic.

2. Meanwhile, add onions to a skillet along with the vegetable oil and sauté on medium heat for 10 minutes just until tender.

Add the brown sugar and sauté for another 5 minutes.

3. Mash potato wedges with skin in a large bowl. Place the cauliflower in a food processor along with the olive oil, sesame oil and milk and purée. Add to the mashed potatoes along with the onions, garlic cloves and edamame. Add the salt and pepper. **THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN/FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Pale, patterned and pretty all over

The house that hues built. Pastel shades and retro inspiration set to dominate home decor in 2014

Whether you're seeking to make a minor ripple or sizable splash in your home in 2014, prognosticators are hoping to help make the new year a stylish one with predictions of noteworthy new looks in decor.

Suzanne Dimma, editor-in-chief of House and Home Magazine and Benjamin Moore colour expert Sharon Grech share their views on notable trends and suggestions on how to incorporate the changes within your interiors.

Cool hues

Colour trendsetter Pantone opted for vibrant pop with the selection of Radiant Orchid — a purple hue infused with hot pink — as its colour of the year for 2014.

But the ultra-bold shade seems to be the exception



Benjamin Moore paint colour Lavender Mist is seen on the walls while paint colour White Dove is used as the trim. BENJAMIN MOORE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

rather than the rule with a sleek yet more subdued palette of colours emerging for home interiors.

Paint manufacturer Benjamin Moore selected Breath of

Fresh Air — a pale, sky blue hue — as its colour of the year. While there were several examples of deep blue, teal and purple featured in its 2014 Colour Trends Guide,

the company's standout hue for the new year was among a vast array of softer shades like Distant Gray, Peach Parfait and Lavender Mist.

Grech said the intention was to create a collection of colours that weren't specific to one particular style as has been customary in the past.

"Even though it's often the most economical part of your design project, it takes up a lot of space. And if you get that too strong, that's what you'll notice," she said in reference to paint colour choice. "Even if you spend a ton of money on your new sofa or your Carrara marble countertop, if you get the paint colour wrong, it throws everything off."

In the vein of paler hues, Dimma suggested opting for a soft grey which she described as "a new neutral."

"That's a huge change from white, and that will imbue everything with so

much warmth," she said.

Pretty patterns

From the walls to tables to floors, there are no shortage of spaces to adorn with colourful prints. House and Home spotlighted blue and white dishware, painted tiles, whimsical wall murals and geometric wallpaper and fabrics among its decorating dos for 2014.

For those seeking to make a splash with a fresh print, Dimma suggested seeking out a Persian or Turkish rug. "That's an easy thing. Roll out a new rug and you're going to get a whole new look."

Classic and contemporary

While rugs and wall coverings are decidedly more bold, there is a more minimalist approach being seen in other core pieces for the coming year. Dimma high-



Breath of Fresh Air, the Benjamin Moore Colour of the Year for 2014, is seen on the walls. BENJAMIN MOORE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

lighted '50s-inspired chairs as well as more contemporary sculptural lighting fixtures, both of which conjure a modern vibe.

She isn't surprised to see the gravitation towards retro-inspired '50s and '60s-era furnishings.

"When you think about it, we always find through cycles in design that we look back and then we make it new again, and it's probably just at that point in the cycle," said Dimma. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Top Prospects Game

Mark Hunter joins Cherry bench

London Knights general manager Mark Hunter has been added as an assistant coach for the upcoming CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game in Calgary on Jan. 15.

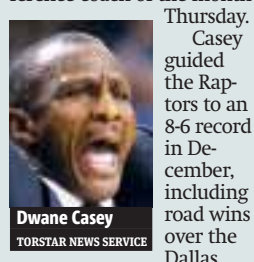
Hunter will be an assistant on Team Cherry under head coach Jim Peplinski. Paul Reinhart and Nick Kypreos will also be assistants on Team Cherry.

Tim Hunter will be the head coach of Team Orr, which will also have Mike Vernon, Joel Otto and Doug MacLean on the bench. **METRO**

NBA

Casey named coach of the month in the East

Toronto Raptors head coach Dwane Casey was named NBA Eastern Conference coach of the month



Dwane Casey

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Thursday. Casey guided the Raptors to an 8-6 record in December, including road wins over the Dallas Mavericks and Oklahoma City Thunder.

The Raptors (15-15) posted six road victories last month and have won seven of their last nine games overall. Toronto visits the Washington Wizards on Friday night.

Jeff Hornacek of the Phoenix Suns was named Western Conference coach of the month.

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Knights' goalie on the road back

OHL. Liam Herbst has endured multiple surgeries on knees, hips



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The London Knights made goalie Liam Herbst their first selection in the 2012 Ontario Hockey League draft.

So it seemed a touch strange that it took more than 18 months for Herbst to record his first OHL victory as a member of the Knights.

"Personally, I didn't think he'd be playing games until November so he's way ahead of schedule from where I thought he'd be," Knights goalie coach Bill Dark said less than 12 hours after Herbst's breakthrough victory in Sarnia.

Ah yes, the devil is in the details.

The facts are that Herbst, now 17, has had multiple surgeries on his knees and hips since his draft day back in 2012 and he did not play at all during the 2012-13 season.

And this year, he has played most of his hockey at the junior B level, where he has a 9-5 record with the London Nationals and was selected the conference goalie of the month for November.

With Knights starter Anthony Stolarz away with the U.S. team at the world juniors, Herbst has earned some OHL playing time, backing up Jake Patterson.

On Wednesday in Sarnia, he played the final 43 minutes,



Liam Herbst, pictured during his time as a member of the Mississauga Rebels midget AAA hockey team, earned his first OHL win with the London Knights on Wednesday. TERRY WILSON/OHL IMAGES

Quoted

"Yes, I think I'm back earlier than everyone expected. I don't know hockey-wise but as far as health-wise, it was great getting back."

Knights goalie Liam Herbst, who has endured multiple surgeries on his knees and hips.

relieving Patterson. He gave up the final two goals in the Knights' 8-6 comeback victory. It was his second appearance and his first victory.

Herbst said the Sarnia victory led to a sleepless night.

"I was very excited. My whole family was there," Herbst

said. "They came actually from the Winter Classic game (in Michigan), so it was a busy day for them ... it was a good day for the family."

Herbst agreed with his coach that he might be playing ahead of schedule.

"Yes, I think I'm back earlier

than everyone expected," Herbst said. "I don't know hockey-wise but as far as health-wise, it was great getting back. Lot of work, lot of tough work in the summer to get where I am today and it's really paid off."

Dark said Herbst still has plenty of work ahead of him.

"He's just to keep getting more games, more experience and get stronger," Dark said.

"With him, it's, 'Let's see where he is at the end of the year. Let's see where he is after a summer of training.' That's going to be the key."

One step at a time.

4 SPORTS



OVERTIME

with Micheal Ray Richardson

Get on the inside track with the London Lightning as Metro's Dave Langford chats with coach and former NBA star Micheal Ray, every week at metronews.ca





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NBL Canada. Lightning facing winds of change

Eighteen and counting.

That's the number of players the London Lightning have dressed for various games this season.

So after centre Curtis Withers left the team Monday to join a pro team in South Korea, the Lightning only dressed 10 players Wednesday — they are permitted to dress 12 — but it was enough to stop the arch-rival Windsor Express 92-82.

"This is what this league is all about. In this league, guys don't make a lot of money. So if they get offers to go other places to make twice the money, you have to go," Lightning head coach Micheal Ray Richardson said.

"We don't want to keep guys here who have kids, who have families trying to earn a living."

Withers was the second player this week to leave the Lightning to greener pastures. On Sunday, Jason Forte played his final game before heading to France to join a professional team there.

Others have left for disciplinary reasons, while some

were simply not good enough. The result has been what's seemed like a revolving door of players, causing many fans to find it difficult to follow their favourites.

"Do we have a revolving door here? No, we don't have a revolving door," Richardson said. "We had to make some changes for the betterment of the team and if you look in the D League, they made 300 changes last year."

No. 19 for the Lightning this season will be Stephen McDowell, a five-foot-11 guard who played 20 games two seasons ago for Summerside, P.E.I. He will be eligible to play once he gains NBL approval.

The league office does not reopen until Jan. 6, so McDowell will not be able to dress for the two weekend games — Saturday night in Brampton against the A's and Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. against the Ottawa Skyhawks at the Budweiser Gardens.

Meanwhile, Lightning GM Taylor Brown continues to look for a 12th player to replace Withers. **DAVE LANGFORD/METRO**

Canadians clock Swiss to earn return to semifinals



Team Canada goalie Zachary Fucale celebrates with forward Charles Hudon after defeating Switzerland in quarter-final action at the world junior hockey championship in Malmo, Sweden, on Thursday. **FRANK GUINN/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

World juniors. Canucks stay perfect all-time vs. Switzerland at juniors, will face Finns Saturday

Anthony Mantha scored on a penalty shot and Griffin Reinhart had a goal and an assist as Canada beat Switzerland 4-1 on Thursday to reach the semifinals of the world junior hockey championship.

Canada will face Finland, who posted a 5-3 comeback win over the Czech Republic, in a semifinal on Saturday at Malmo Arena.

Quarter-finals

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Canada

1

Switzerland

Curtis Lazar and defence-man Derrick Pouliot also scored for Canada, which is 20-0-0 and has a 130-34 goal advantage all-time against the Swiss at the world juniors.

This one was not as easy as previous meetings with the hard-working and team-play-oriented Swiss, despite the boost from a pro-Canadian crowd of 2,580 at the Iststadion. The boisterous fans spent much of the game chanting goalie Zach Fucale's name.

The Canadian squad had to battle the trap throughout the game but managed to score the first goal for the first time in five tournament games. Scott Laughton brought the puck to the net and Reinhart scored on Canada's third whack from a scramble in the crease.

Canada is assured of finishing in the top four of the tournament for the 16th year in a row, although they lost their semifinal and finished out of the medals a year ago in Ufa, Russia. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	40	26	12	2	117	86	54
Tampa Bay	40	24	12	4	114	95	52
Montreal	41	23	14	4	103	94	50
Toronto	42	21	16	5	118	120	47
Detroit	42	18	14	10	109	120	46
Ottawa	42	17	18	7	118	135	41
Florida	41	15	20	6	96	130	36
Buffalo	40	11	25	4	71	113	26

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	42	29	12	1	131	96	59
Washington	40	20	15	5	122	119	45
Philadelphia	40	20	16	4	105	111	44
New Jersey	41	17	16	8	97	103	42
NY Rangers	41	20	19	2	96	109	42
Carolina	40	15	16	9	96	118	39
Columbus	40	17	19	4	109	117	38
NY Islanders	41	13	21	7	107	138	33

Thursday's results

Nashville at Boston
Chicago at NY Islanders
Carolina at Washington
Winnipeg at Ottawa
Buffalo at Minnesota
Los Angeles at St. Louis
Montreal at Dallas
Philadelphia at Colorado
Columbus at Phoenix
Edmonton at San Jose

Wednesday's results

Toronto 3 Detroit 2 (SO)
Tampa Bay 4 Vancouver 2

Friday's games

All Times Eastern
Chicago at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
NY Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Saturday's games

Winnipeg at Boston, 1 p.m.
San Jose at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Nashville at Florida, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
NY Rangers at Toronto, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	42	28	7	7	158	115	63
St. Louis	39	27	7	5	139	93	59
Colorado	39	24	11	4	114	100	52
Dallas	39	20	12	7	115	113	47
Minnesota	42	20	17	5	97	109	45
Winnipeg	42	19	18	5	114	121	43
Nashville	40	18	18	4	95	119	40

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	42	29	8	5	137	106	63
San Jose	40	25	9	6	131	104	56
Los Angeles	41	25	12	4	110	83	54
Vancouver	42	23	12	7	113	101	53
Phoenix	39	20	10	9	120	120	49
Calgary	40	14	20	6	96	126	34
Edmonton	42	13	24	5	109	143	31

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Carolina at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Columbus at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

Sunday's games

Winnipeg at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Nashville at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

NFL

PLAYOFFS

WILD CARD

All Times Eastern
Saturday's games
Kansas City at Indianapolis, 4:35 p.m.
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 8:10 p.m.
Sunday's games
San Diego at Cincinnati, 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Green Bay, 4:40 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	25	6	.806	—
d-Miami	24	7	.774	1
Atlanta	18	14	.563	7 ^{1/2}
d-Toronto	15	15	.500	9 ^{1/2}
Washington	14	15	.483	10
Charlotte	14	19	.424	12
Detroit	14	19	.424	12
Boston	13	18	.419	12 ^{1/2}
Chicago	12	18	.400	12 ^{1/2}
Cleveland	10	21	.323	15
Orlando	10	21	.323	15
Philadelphia	10	21	.323	15
Brooklyn	10	21	.323	15
New York	9	21	.300	15 ^{1/2}
Milwaukee	7	24	.226	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	25	6	.806	—
Portland	25	7	.781	1 ^{1/2}
d-San Antonio	25	7	.781	1 ^{1/2}
d-L.A. Clippers	22	12	.647	4 ^{1/2}
Phoenix	19	11	.633	5 ^{1/2}
Houston	21	13	.618	5 ^{1/2}
Golden State	20	13	.606	6
Dallas	19	13	.594	6 ^{1/2}
Minnesota	16	16	.500	9 ^{1/2}
New Orleans	14	16	.467	10 ^{1/2}
Denver	14	17	.452	11
Memphis	13	17	.433	11 ^{1/2}
L.A. Lakers	13	19	.406	12 ^{1/2}
Sacramento	10	20	.333	14 ^{1/2}
Utah	10	24	.294	16 ^{1/2}

x - clinched playoff berth; y - division; z - conference.

Thursday's results

Orlando at Cleveland
Golden State at Miami
Brooklyn at Oklahoma City
Boston at Chicago
New York at San Antonio
Milwaukee at Utah
Memphis at Phoenix
Philadelphia at Sacramento
Charlotte at Portland
Wednesday's results
Dallas 87 Washington 78
Toronto 95 Indiana 82
Minnesota 124 New Orleans 112
Philadelphia 114 Denver 102
L.A. Clippers 112 Charlotte 85

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

No matter how outrageous your ideas may seem to some, you must trust your instincts and follow up on them. Allow your inner voice to guide you and don't be surprised when it all works out perfectly.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The planets will present a solution to a problem you thought was here to stay. You should know that everything worth knowing is revealed over time, so be patient.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

It seems you have been talking at cross purposes with a loved one and that is why you have not been getting along. It is time to sit down and be honest with one another. Yes, of course you can be friends again.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Your mind is extraordinarily active at the moment and that's good, but make sure you write down any insights you have, otherwise you may forget them by the end of the day.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Do something creative today. The current cosmic climate makes it easy for you to give form to your ideas. It also makes it easy for you to impress important people.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Something that made no sense before will make perfect sense today. Most likely the thing itself has not changed but the way you look at it has. Next time, try listening to what friends try to tell you.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Even if you are one of those rare Librans who prefers to keep thoughts private, you will have plenty to say today. The only danger is you may reveal too much valuable information.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

News you have been waiting for will arrive today and put an end to a worrying phase. Whether the news is good or bad is unimportant. What matters is that at last you know where you stand.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Whatever you decide over the next two or three days will have a major effect on your future, so think ahead and make sure you are embarking on a course that is right for you. Don't listen to others, listen to yourself.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Try not to live in the past or lament your mistakes, because what happens next will make up for what you appear to have lost. Resolve to always look forward and never look back.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You appear to believe that the whole wide world is against you. Stop the foolish imaginings and look on the bright side for a change. Life is what you choose to make of it.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

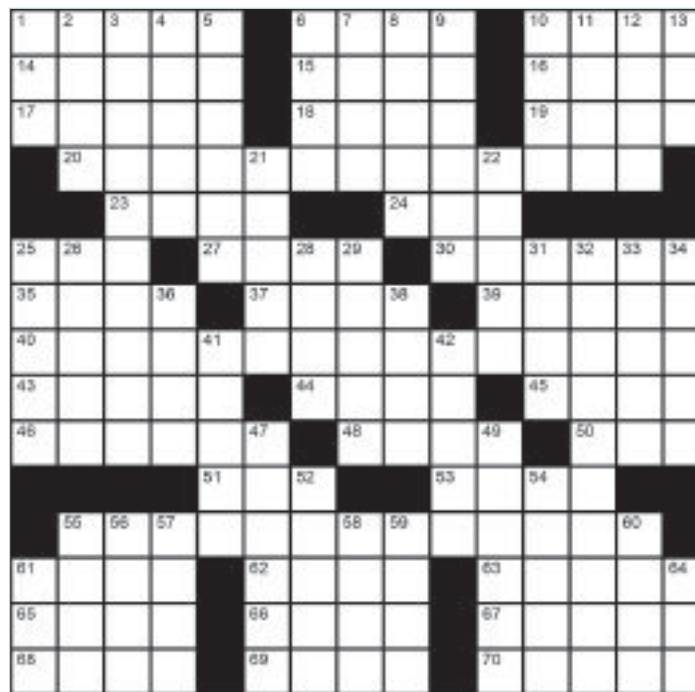
Whatever your special talent is, put it to good use. If a chance arises in your work or career, grab it with both hands and don't worry that you may not be up to the task. You'll ace it.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Tug-___
6. Stars in movies
10. Serving need
14. Patriot Games (1992) producer, Robert ___
15. Target hitter in a bar game
16. Lively
17. Canadian singer/songwriter Sarah
18. Wing-shaped
19. Wreck
20. Calgary Flames great in the Hockey Hall of Fame: 2 wds.
23. Chinook salmon
24. Tokyo, formerly
25. Little bark
27. 19th Greek alphabet letters
30. Manicurist's lacquer
35. Nike slogan, "Just ___"
37. Parking place
39. School: French
40. Current award-winning novel by Canadian author Colleen McAdam: 3 wds.
43. Cantaloupe, for one
44. Mork's greeting, partially
45. ___ about
46. Introduces more to the mix: 2 wds.
48. Tapes shows (abbr.)
50. Belonging to Nashville's li'l state



51. Flooring choice
53. Flew the ___ (Went away)
55. Lotto Max purchaser's dream: 2 wds.
61. Earring spot
62. Stead
63. "I'll take ___ check."
65. Car rental com-

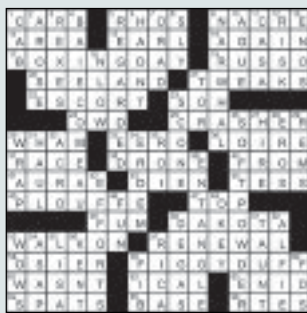
- pany
66. Immature news
67. Elaine __, Marilu Henner's Taxi character
68. Outperform
69. Escritoire
70. Stranded, as a castaway
- Down**
1. Hosp. sites

2. Tumbled
3. The Guess Who album: ___ Soul
4. Love Is ___-Splendored Thing (1955)
5. Milk curdling substance
6. Eve's beloved
7. Advanced math course, for short
8. 'T' of NAFTA

9. Walked confidently
10. Ms. Banks
11. Actor Mr. Julia
12. Desert's climate
13. Yearning
21. Bread-making ingredient
22. Musical group of nine
25. Commander ___ (Lorne Greene's

- Battlestar Galactica role)
26. Cloaked
28. ___ Smoke (1978) starring Cheech and Chong
29. To date: 2 wds.
31. Prefix to "bat" (Circus performer)
32. City which is Newfoundland's second largest after St. John's: 2 wds.
33. Musicdom's Sir John
34. Glassmaking ovens
36. New Mexico's artsy town
38. Song
41. Barbara Stanwyck movie, ___ Pacific (1939)
42. Soap opera legend Susan
47. Used a hammer
49. "___!" (You're not the only one who is capable!)
52. Songbook standard: Mack the ___
54. Gumbo ingredients
55. Created tapestries
56. Nile wader
57. Bird's bed
58. Becomes
59. 1979 Fleetwood Mac album
60. The ___ Is High by Blondie
61. Research ___
64. Agreement sign

Dec. 26's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Dec. 26's Sudoku



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